## AGITATING SOCIAL ASHES.

has kept religiously aloof from anything of an extensive nature, and the dissipations of the week have been tempered to

the season. Lunch parties are in full force. Wisely the restrictions of Lent do not apply to the innocent indulgence of tea drinking and talking. To have put a veto on the latter would have been

too much for human endurance, and would undoubtedly have resulted in a

wildly insurgent feminine faction. Too

without a murmur. It was a philosopher

who made luncheon parties the fashion for Lent. No more harmless, and at the

same time eminently satisfactory outlet for feminine effervescence could be in-

Madame Bloomfield's Recital.

The piano recital given by Madame

Fannie Bloomfield at the Congregational

tabernaele Wednesday afternoon, was a

rare treat to music lovers. The audience

was unanimously enthusiastic over the

performance and agreed that Madame

Bloomfield has a thorough and distinct

individuality above any pianist that has

ever been heard here. Her selections

might be called tone poems so distinct

was the tone coloring over every other

feature. Each note was given a due significance and the idea of the com-

poser was clearly demonstrated, in fact

with the pianist everything was subor-

dinated to the feeling and thought of the composer, and the listener was invariably carried along with the current of sympathy. No one thought of methods. It was impossible to be

coolly critical while the chords of emotion were being manipulated with

such a magician's power. One could only

feel. The Chopin selections were especially masterly. Madame Bloomfield interpreted as though endowed with the faculty of absorbing the very inspiration of the composer. The concert ended with a dashing rendering of Liszt's march "Hongroise." The recital Thursday

evening was equally fine and left the in-

was in their midst.

pression on her auditors that a genius

High School Entertainment.

of the high school embrace a programme

of a high order both in a literary and

musical sense. Below the programme is

given of March 11. The topics for that

date were history and modern literature.

literature. The exercises take place in the high school auditorium at 2 p. m.

PROGRAMME.

Essay..., "A Gladiatorial Scene,"
Oliver AuchMoody.
Piano Solo..., Bertha Yost,
"Cleopatra,"

Benefit Concert.

opera house this afternoon by the Mu-

sical Union orchestra as a testimonial to

Prof. F. M. Steinhauser. The following

Mr. H. Lutz.

Miss Bertha Steinhauser,

Selection from opera "Erminie"

programme will be given:

A grand concert will be given at Boyd's

Reading. ... My Doug Edward E. Hale, Nellie Bauserman.

The Friday afternoon entertainments

feel. The Chopin selections were espec

vented.

"We'll All Kneel and Pray But Don't Stay Away,"

SAYS SOCIETY'S STOICAL SCRIBE

Sackcloth Over Big Parties--Little much stringency is sure to breed insubor-dination, but let the unruly member be left unrestricted, and womankind will go through any amount of inconvenience One's Bloom Like the Daisies-The Week's Whirl.

The Society Cough.

DEGICATED TO YOUNG WOMEN IN DRAFTS

AND DECOLLETE.

Here the coughing of the belles—
Careless belies!

What a world of solemn thought its monody
compels!

In the silence of the night.

How they shiver with affright At the melancholy menace of its tones. For every cough that floats

in the pain within their thoats Is a groan. And the choking-ah, the choking, Surely Death is hardly joking With his own, Who are coughing, coughing, coughing

In a muffled monotone. Yet they go on with their scoffing, As they waste to skin and bone. Coughs are neither man nor woman, Coughs are neither brute nor human

They are ghouls.
And their queen it is compels
This couching of the belies
And her merry laughter swells
With the coughing of the belies! And she dances, and she yells, Keeping time, time, time, In a sort of coffin rhyme,

To the coughing of the beiles—
Of the belles!
Reeping time, time, time, In a sort of coffin rhyme, To the throbbing of the coughs— Of the coughs, coughs, coughs— To the sobbing of the coughs Keeping time, time, time, As she knells, knells, knells, In a dreadful coffin rhyme,

To the coughing of the belies—
Of the belies, belies, belies,
To the wheezing of the belies—
Of the belies, belies, belies, Belles, belles, belles To the moaning and the groaning of the belles!

Fashion's Fower.

The fashionable flower of the day in England is the white chrysanthemum. It is worn as Ca buttonhole, massed as a bouquet, and nestled among moss for a table decoration, lightly veiled with maidenhair fern. Tinted ivy leaves very often form a background for it. On tables clusters of chrysanthemums of various colors and kinds are to be seen, rich and beautiful in their individual tints. For room decoration wild growths are now sold on the streets by itinerant venders which even last year would have been cast aside as rubbish. For instance, clusters of the brown, dried up looking "combs and brushes" or "teasers" form ditches, bunches of red hips and haws, the black berries of the privet, brown grasses from marshlands are placed with the still favorite bullrushes and feathery pampas grass. The glistening white honesty is now seen towering aloft in vases, wixed with pampas and black berried privet. The trailing staghorn moss from Scotch moorlands is arranged on dinner tables, laid flat, in and out of flower receptacles and china bonbon plates; and lycopodium moss, studded with flowers, is also utilized in the same way. The crotons with their richly tinted leaves are very popular for dinner table

Stickney-Dyer. A very pretty wedding took place Tuesday evening, whereby Miss Mabel Dyer and George A. Stickney were made one. Only the immediate friends of the parties were present and the affair was more than usually social and agreeable. Mr. Stickney, a former resident of Bangor, Maine, has become one of Omaha's rising, citizens, and is a prime favorite among his large circle of acquaintances. His bride is a recent acquisition to Omaha society, having lately come here from Ohio, and is the possessor of many virtues and accomplishments. The marriage was solemnized at 8 p, m, at the home of the bride's parents on Farnam street, the Rev. A. W. Clark officiating. A pretty feature of the ceremony was the exchanging of rings by the young couple. The attendant bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Dyer and Miss Lena Dietz and the grooms-men were D, W. Keister and Frank Brown. The bride was attired in slate gray and

Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Dietz. The others

Talking Bees, the Pastime.

Society has succumbed to a condition

decorations.

Piano Solo, "Le Reveil du Lion"... Kontsky
Mr. Otto Beindorff. wore a handsome corsage bouquet of white roses. She also carried a bouquet. The bridesmaids were in white and car-ried Marechal Niel roses and lillies of the Serenade, "The Mandolin".... Desormus Waltz, "L'Estudiantina"....Waldteufel A. Blaufuss, Accompanist. Birthday Surprise. valley. The house was decorated with rare taste. Flowers were in profusion. The curtains were trimmed, some with Mrs. E. J. Merie was the object of a very agreeable surprise Wednesday smilax and others with peacock feathers, making a very brilliant effect. The supper was an elaborate affair of many evening. A number of her friends knowing that her birthday fell on that date, gathered at the residence, 708 South, courses, served by the Paxton. At 10 o'clock the newly wedded couple drove Eighteenth street, and took the hostess to their cosy home, northwest corner of Parker and Twenty-seenth. completely by surprise. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing. Several vocal selections were given by Dr. Woodburn, Miss Vapor and Mr. Baker. An Enjoyable Luncheon. Mrs. O. N. Ramsey gave a charming A number of remembrances were left. luncheon party Tuesday afternoon in Among those present were Mrs. Salmon, honor of Mrs. Callaway's guests, Miss Miss Jennie Salmon, Mrs. Wisner, Mrs. J. Withrow, Miss Wisner, Miss Flagler, King of New York and Mrs. Wm. R. J. Withrow, Miss Wisner, Miss Flagler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salmon, Miss Anna Rogers, the Misses Vapor, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Langevin, Miss Flora Merle, Messrs. L. Mosteller, Z. Chipman, C. Thomas, F. Coleman, F. Fisher, C. Goss, C. Romer, C. Baker, Ed. Date, E. M. Reid, Arthur Evans, Chas. Pollock, Chas. and Jules Merle. Callaway of Toronto, The invited were Mrs. T C. Orr, Mrs. W. J. Broatch, Mrs. R. C. Patterson, Mrs. P. H. Allen, Mrs. Samuel Burns, Mrs. Dr. Tilden, Mrs. Perine, Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Denise, Mrs. S. H. H. Clark, Mrs. S. R. Brown, Mrs.

A. P. Wood, Miss Wood, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Mrs. Grant, Miss Progressive Euchre. Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Mrs. Grant, Miss Grant, Mrs. John Morrell, Mrs. E. W. Dixon, Mrs. S. P. Morse, Mrs. W. L. Parrotte, Mrs. Morsman, Mrs. Levi Carter, Mrs. O. F. Davis, Mrs. Ross, Miss Ross, Mrs. R. R. Ringwalt, Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sleeper, Mrs. Fahs, Mrs. D. V. Barkalow, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Waite, Mrs. Gilhert, Mrs. Wessels, Mrs. J. L. Stewart, Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Graft, Mrs. Coutant, Mrs. Warren Chase. The service was charac-A very pleasant six-handed progressive euchre party was held at the home of Colonel and Mrs. H. C. Akin, on Catherine street, last Monday. It will long be remembered by those present as one of the most agreeable occasions they have had the pleasure of participating in. The colonel and his amiable helpmate are noted for their generous hospitality and good nature. Those of the gentle-Warren Chase. The service was charac-terized by the usual elegance that surmen who preferred billiards enjoyed themselves in the billiard room, and some exciting games were played. Rerounds the entertainments given by Mrs. Ramsey and the affair was in every respect a notably pleasant occasion. freshments were served at 10 o'clock. The prizes were rich and appropriate. The first prizes were won by Howell and S. J. Howell. The booby prizes were taken respectively by Mr. Biss and Mr. A Complimentary Luncheon. Mrs. A. S. Van Kuran gave a luncheon Friday afternoon at her pretty home on Pratt. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Pratt. Mr. and Mrs. Risdon, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, Miss Howell, A. M. Akin, Beau Todd, H. M. Akin, Mr. and and Mrs. Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-St. Mary's avenue. The affair was a farewell compliment to the Misses Wadleigh and was pronounced a most enjoyable occasion. The hostess was assisted in entertaining the guests by Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Wakefield,

Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Dietz. The others who received invitations were Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Darrow, Miss Almy, Mrs. Hitcheock, Miss Barbour, Mrs. Estabrook, Miss Wakely, Mrs. Van Kuran, Mrs. Carrier, Mrs. Kimball, Clara Brown, Miss Stevens, Miss Hoagland, Mrs. Frank Hills, the Misses Knight, Miss Clarke, Miss Lehmer, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Ben Rubidoux, Mrs. Switzler, Mrs. Mertzheimer, Miss May, Miss Gilbert, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Dubois, Miss Gilbert, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Dubois, Miss Dietz, Mrs. McCullogh, Miss Turner, Mrs. Megeath, Miss Kuhn, Miss Preston, Mrs. Igoe, Miss Hall, the Misses Boulter, Mrs. Holdrege, Miss Isaacs, Miss]Burns, Miss Chase, Miss Congdon. holm, Miss Sadie Booth A Children's Party. Mrs. E. C. McShane gave a children's party Wednesday from 5 to 9 o'clock in honor of the twelfile buthday of ber daughter. She was assisted by Miss Morgan and by Mar Potvin, of Lincoln. One of the features was a large cake about which twelve I hated candles were placed to represent the number of years attained by the young hostess.

The Metropolitan Club. The leading Jewish organization gave another of its pleasant hops at Metropolitan hall Thursday evening. About thirty couples were present and dancing was enthusiastically participated in. of spring fever and lassitude, and the Among those prese at were: Mr. and Mrs events of the week have been few, and Max Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Meyer, for the most part unpretentious. Omaha Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Meyer, Mr. and has followed the lead of New York in all but establishing a sewing society for Lent. In the matter of entertaining it

bert Cahn, Mr. and Mrs. Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Hellman, Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Heiler, Mr. and Mrs. Kauff man, Mr. and Mrs. Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. Rahfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Lowenthal, Mrs. Fisner, the Misses Newman, Sonnahill, Rothschild, Bendit, Rosenfeld, Schlesinger, Messrs, Julius Meyer, Fisher, Schiff, Oberfelder, Goldsmith, Schlesinger.

The Book Club. The society called the New Book club held its annual meeting at Mrs. Wm.

Wallace's Monday. The organization is composed of the residents of the northern part of town, mostly older settlers, and has been in operation for eight successful years. Only the newest publications are read, and hence the name of the club.

A Purim Party. Thursday evening about forty of the

friends of the Misses Simon and Calminson gathered to celebrate Purim at the residence, 616 South Eleventh street. After partaking of supper the spacious parlors were made alive with merriment until a late hour. An Impromptu Affair. Mrs. S. R. Callaway entertained a number of friends at a semi-impromptu luncheon Saturday. At 1:30 the ladies sat down to lunch, and the afternoon

fancy work. A Dinner Party. Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick gave another of her famous dinners Thursday evening.
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. R.
Callaway, Miss King, Mrs W. R. Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. Meday, Mr. and Mrs.
Ramsey, and R. S. Berlin.

was pleasantly spent in social chat over

Art Gossip. Mrs. Mumaugh has organized a sketch class to meet Wednesday afternoons.

Miss Spratlen is engaged with black and white studies of still life objects. Miss Shulze has several canvase under way that will shortly be ready for exhibition

Miss Wilmasser is painting a difficult flower piece, double roses against a grayish background. Mr. Tuttle has changed off from makng surreptitious sketches of unsuspecting hoir singers and is developing a crayon

likeness of a well-known lady, Miss Ball's duties as instructor of draw ing and penmanship are so arduous that she has been compelled to relinquish her favorite pastime almost entirely.

March 18 there will be an afternoon of music, followed in the spring term by illustrations of work in physics, chemistry, natural history and Elizabethan J. K. O'Neal has made a copy in oil of the well known picture "Spring." His success in depicting budding womanhood has been most gratifying. The flesh tints and drapery are well handled.

Collins & Shantz are showing some excellent new crayon pieces. The latest is a portrait of Miss Roberts' father. Mr. Collins will shortly exhibit a !f: size oil portrait of a prominent lady, that will speak for his ability in that line a nd show what combined talent and industry can do.

Orchard's window is graced with a portrait in erayon of Mrs. Balbach by Mrs. Mumaugh. The drawing is entirely freehand and is so uniformly exact as to reflect much credit on the artist's Several equally truthful portraits of leading citizens have been completed lately by the same lady.

Mrs. Balbach is working on an ambi tious canvas that promises to develop into a valuable picture. A dense forest interior has a number of boldly drawn deer in the middle distance. Light and shadow are effectively handled and the appearance of density is well brought

Miss Mamie Josselyn is decorating a Verona silk scarf in glove orange pink, a Coronation March from "The Prophet,"

Overture, "Jubilee," Meyerbeer
Bach
British Patrol Fred ter Linden
Cornet Solo, Fantasie uber "'s Straussii." new shade between terra cotta and shrimp, with a conventional design of chrysanthemums against discs of a de color outlined in gold. Another pupil is completing a very artistic drape of yel-low, green Verona silks decorated with Mr. H. Lutz.
PART II.

Overture, "Fidelio." Beethoven
Violin Solo, Grand Fantasie from Opera
"Norma" Bellini
Mr. F. M. Steinhauser.

Xylophone and Bell Solo, Combination
Tempo de Galop. Beyer
Mr. M. R. Barnes,
Soprano Solo, "Good Night, Sweet
Angel" Abt palm branches in harmonious greens in the washable tapestry dyes.

Brevities. Miss Laura Connell is visiting in Den-Mrs. Judge Wakeley is visiting in Chicago.

Hilton Fonda will sing a solo at Trin ity this morning. S. R. Callaway got in Wednesday from two weeks trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morse went to Washington Thursday. Mrs. S. T. Smith went to Chicago last

week to visit friends. Governor and Mrs. Saunders went to Hot Springs last week. Mrs. J. R. Shrive will go to Chicago next week to visit friends.

Miss Adams, of Tiflin, O., was the guest of Mrs. P. E. fler last week. Mrs. C. D. Woolworth and daughter

are visiting in Stoux City. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Strang are spending a few days at Green River. L. B. Terrell, of Hastings, shook hands with Omaha friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown have gone on a pleasure jaunt to California. Miss Lizzie Wykoff, of Council Bluffs, was the guest of Mrs. J. M. Metcalf last

Miss Margaret Craig's many friends will be sorry to learn that she is seriously indisposed. The A. L. C. club met at Mrs. A. Man-

vent street. Mrs. Allen Koch and daughter left Wednesday for a visit of several weeks in Chicago.

delberg's Tuursday afternoon at 424 Con-

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Raymond have sued cards for a reception on the 18th, from to 8 to 11. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pinto went to Lawrence, Wis., Friday to visit Mrs.

Pinto's parents. Miss Stevens, of Council Bluffs, is visiting Miss Hoagland while her parents are in California.

Mr. and Mrs. George Darrow have moved into their new house, 514 South Twenty-second street. Mrs. Robinson, of Council Bluffs, and Madame Bloomfield were guests of Mrs.

Adolph Mever last week. Mr. Adams, of the firm of Adams & McBride, was married last week to Miss Grace Field, of Cleveland.

W. A. Gardner and J. F. Gardner of Walnut Hill accompanied by their wives went to Hot Springs last week. Mrs. B. E. B. Kennedy and daughter, Miss Lottie, will leave Wednesday on a month's visit at Romeo, Mich. Thomas Kilpatrick has arrived from Cleveland and is established in his new

position as one of the firm of Tootle & The Misses Wadleigh of Clinton, Ia., who have been guests of Mrs. Colpetzer for some time, leave for home early next

week. The next party of the Unity club will be given in April, and the May party with which the series will close is to be a swell affair.

Mrs. J. T. Clark is prostrated with serious illness. Her absence from her accustomed post in the M. E. choir is much lamented. Miss Emma O. Ambrose arrived in

Boston last Monday, on the steamer Pa-vonia, feeling much recuperated. She is the guest of her aunt in Cambridge, near

Judge Goodwin, of the Salt Lake

POLITICS' PURE PERSIMMONS

Senators Who Think They Have the Big Presidential Pole.

PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES.

Worse Than a Lincoln Lobby-Interesting About Beecher-More Facts-Tennessee Taylors-They Want an Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, March 10 .- [Correspondence of the BEE, ]-There are not many men in the United States senate now who are in the line of presidential promotion. The most prominent one is probably Senator Sherman, of Ohio. He is now on his way through the south, where, it is alleged, he is renewing old and making new acquaintances with a view to next year's events. Then comes Senator Allison, of Iowa, who may be nominated by the republicans in the event the nomination goes to the far west. General Hawley, of Connecticut, probably comes next in the line of presidential possibilities. He has a very strong following, especially in the east and among soldiers throughout the country. Mr. Edmunds, of Vermont, is no longer spoken of for the presidency. General Harrison, of Indiana, it is believed by many here, has had his presidential possibilties advanced by his departure from the senate on the theory that men are never elected president while occupying a seat in the senate.

These are the republicans who may be nominated-three senators and one ex-senator. There is but one on the domocratic side of the chamber whose name is ever spoken in connection with the presidency-Mr. Voorhoes, of Indiana. There is one man who has come to the front recently that the country seems to have overlooked for a place on the national ticket and who, many think, will come to the fore. This is John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, president pro tempore of the senate. No man has risen more rapidly in Washington or the whole country than Mr. Ingalls, and his name is being quietly mentioned for the vice-presidency, in the event the candidate for president on the republican ticket is taken from the cast. Of course, if Mr. Sherman or Mr. Allison, or ex-Senator Harrison is nominated Mr. Ingalls could not be thought of for the second place.

The most complaints ever uttered against a president have been heard on account of the failure of Mr. Cleveland to sign the river and harbor bill. Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Coairman Willis, of Kentucky, of the committee on rivers and harbors, say the committee on rivers and harbors, say the bill would have been passed over the veto by a four-lifths majority in both houses of concresses. Mr. Cleveland's failure to in-dicate his objections to the bill is what ex-asperates the statesmen. Undoubtedly the most perplexing thing which confronts a congressman is to see a bill pocketed with congressman is to see a bill pocketed with impunity, and witnout any means of redress being alforded, after months of toli in its preparation and years of promise to constituents. No one can estimate the amount of promises contained in that bill, when it is considered that there were not two dozen in the 325 congressional districts affected more or less by it. More than half of the senators and representatives addressed the committee of the two houses in favor of the provisions inthe two houses in favor of the provisions in-corporated in the bill. Most of them wrote hundreds of letters and visited the war department repeatedly in the interest of pro-visions finally incorporated in the measure. It is said that fifty members were elected to the Fourty-ninth congress on promise as to what they would do for navigation in their districts, and then after all has passed both houses and only awaits the assent of the president, it dies an ignoble death, is stabbed in the back, and no opportunity is afforded for defense. A more angry lot of statesmen were never seen those those here on last Monday,

It is said that there were more corrupt schemes in the Forty-ninth congress than in any congress for many years. It is not held that there was an excess or unusual amount of machinations among the legislators, but that there were many schemes of-fering tempting opportunities for influencing legislation there can be no doubt. Rights of ways for railroads through Indian country, of that character there were till no end. It is said that lawyers in this city had fees is said that lawyers in this city had fees amounting to over a quarter of a million of dollars in the great Choctaw Indian claim, which was based on a judgment obtained in the supreme court of the United States, and which had the appearance of being as straight and clean as anything could be. But it failed to receive the approval of the house committee on appropriations and failed to pass into law.

law. Little was said about the fact, but there was a strong lobby here in the interest of the direct tax bill. It was made up of lawyers and others who expected to reap a harvest in collecting the money due under it to states But it failed. The great corporations having large interests before congress did not comforward and make a fight, as would have been expected. Very little money was ex-pended to defeat the inter-state commerce bill, and had the rallroad corporations known a month before its passage what they did a day afterward the bill would not have become a law.

become a law.

Probably the most money was expended to defeat the anti-Mormon bill than any other. Money ran like water for awhile; but it was spent injudiciously, and had no effect. The political combinations made against the bill had more influence than anything else, strange to say.

There are people in Washington who believe that the worry the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher had over the confirmation of his son's appointment to a customs collectorship in Washington territory contributed something to his demise. Captain Beecher's nomnation, it will be remembered, hung fire in the senate for many months. There were charges against his financial dealings when he commanded a steamboat on the sound in the Pacific country, and once or twice the young man's father paid visits to this city for the purpose, it was reported at the time, of clearing away the charges or inducing the president to stand by the nomination, which he did, in spite of the determination of the senate to reject the nomination. The young man is still in the employ of the govern-ment, so the influence of the now dead

ment, so the influence of the now dead preacher must have been potent.

There is no doubt that President Cleveland held Mr. Beecher in very high esteem. This was so notorious, it will be remembered, that, during the early part of the present administration, there was some talk about the divine going to England as uninister to the court of St. James. But Mr. Beecher had no taste or ambition for such a position, were it offered him. But that he wielded a powerful influence in the last campaign for Mr. Cleveoffered him. But that he wielded a powerful influence in the last campaign for Mr. Cleveland there can be no doubt. He not only spoke for the democratic nominee, but he did personal work for the same cause. He feit a keen interest in seeing Mr. Blaine defeated, because he did not like him in any capacity, and when once his ardor was enlisted in any cause it grew till it was uncontrollable.

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A number of times during the past six years Mr. Beecher had visited this city. Usually he came in the capacity of lecturer, and occupied the pulpit at the First Congregational church. He drew large audiences of the best people. He always stopped at the Ebbitt, and I am told that a large number of citizens would go to the hotel for meals during his stay, simply to get to see and hear him in his more private capacity than he appeared in when on the rostrum.

on the rostrum.

When Mr. Beecher entered the diningroom he was invariably seated at a table
alone, and ere ten minutes classed there
would not be a vacant seat at the table occupied by him. Instantly upon his seating
himself there would be a movement about
the dining-room, Everybody who knew him,
and many who did not know him personally,
insisted upon going to his table. And
scarcely a moment during the hour and a half insisted upon going to his table. And scarcely a moment during the hour and a half at the table would all have sober faces. It was a straight season of laughing from the moment one sat down beside him till he was out of sight. He insisted that serious subjects ought not to be discussed at the dining table, as they retarded digestion. But those who saw him here during his visit when the son's nomination hung fire before the senate recall that he appeared a degree serious, and that his ination hung hire before the senate recall that he appeared a degree serious, and that his laughter at times appeared forced. He said that this was the first time that a member of his immediate family had had approblum cast upon his integrity, and that it cut him to the quick. There appeared to be one element in Mr. Beecher's pride that stood higher than all others, and that was his reputation

for honesty. Nor did he relish the idea of one of his name being under the ban of dispute and suspicion. He stated that he cared much more for his son's reputation than the office, and it is said that when he called upon the president he informed him that his son was honest, and that he had but one request to make in compaction with the matter. to make in connection with the matter. He hoped that his son would be given fair opportunity to vindicate himself, and that he would not be sacrificed, as many nominees

"I do not believe the fortifications and coast defenses of the future will employ any earthworks or heavy guns," said General Negley, of Pittsburg, to your correspondent this norming. "I anticipate that the defenses will be made by a more scientific and effectual process," continued the general, who has just completed a long period in congress, during which he made a study of war measures and preparations, "and I may add that they will be begun very soon. In my mind I now see the defense preparations made for the narbor of New York, for instance, It consists of a mine inland a short distance, in it are located mortars and some rifles. The guns are engineered by a practical engineer. He sees engineered by a practical engineer. He sees nothing except by the means of a lens or through the eye of intelligence. The surface of the water is measured and is shown on the chart which lays at the hands of the engineer, who handles the guns as easily as one moves the hands of a watch.

"When the enemy approaches the city it is discovered by means of the lens, if it is daylight, and by means of electric wires it it is dark. Wires point out to the engineer not only the location of the enemy, but the speed it is moving at. The engineer turns his mortars, etc., into position and fires with the accuracy of a rifleman, throwing his missiles into the air and sending them to their siles into the air and sending them to their destination by inclines, right from the mine or subterranean fort. There is no earthwork, of subterfanean fort. There is no eart awar, no sand, no stone, iron, steel or other obstruction. There is nothing but the level ground around the place, and consequently no mark for the enemy to shoot at. There may be flowers and a beautiful park at the point—nothing to indicate that the place is the point de resistance of the whole coast.

"As the ships abproach the coast they meet a new resisting force in the form of torpe-does. On the bed of the waterway are powdoes. On the bed of the waterway are powerful torpedoes, having a connection by means of floats with the surface. When the ship strikes this float or tiny wire it discharges by means of electricity a chamber in the torpedo, forming gas, and causing the whole to instantly come to the surface. Then the ship strikes the torpedo, it explodes, and the contractive structure is a annitialisted. and the entire structure is annihilated. There will be no booming cannon and bat-teries exposed to the enemy, and the minut-est scientific details will be observed.

"We do not want in the construction of a "We do not want in the construction of a navy a tot of heavy, slow fron-clads or heav-ily-armored cruisers. What we want is a class of light ships, steel-armored, but with the very highest speed—twenty-five knots an hour, if possible. We want grey hounds —a fleet which can run up to one of the big, clumsy ships, recon-noitre, tire a few shots, and then run away, notire, are a few shots, and then fun away, to prepare for a reception near land. There explosives will be used. In this day of dynamite and preparations for subterranean forts heavy lighting on water is inexcusable. The best that can be done is to see what is coming and prepare to fight from land. Within the next ten years there will be no man for these heavily armed menofwar and use for these heavily-armed men-of-war, and scouling vessels, dynamite, torpedoes and that class of destroyers will do the lighting. The cruisers which have been prepared for by congress will be all right, as there are to be but few of them, and they will make up the variety: but I do not think more can be utilized to advantage. We should open our markets to the competition of the world in prepared to for a war and get the very latest preparing for a war, and get the very latest inventions.

"The gubernatorial" campaign in Tennessee was a family affair throughout and a roaring farce withal," said a southern senator to-day, "The democrats nominated man named Bob Taylor. Then the republicans determined to match that with another

cans determined to match that with another and from the same family, and therefore pitched on Alf Taylor as their nominee.

"Alf and Bob Taylor stumped and fiddled the state together, for they were both fair country fiddlers as well as fair country stumpers. While Bob was speaking Alf was fiddling, and vice versa. And so they went through the state county by county; and as the campaign neared its end it was seen that the contest would be a very close one, and therefore each one of the opposing brothers put an extra degree of limberness one, and therefore each one of the opposing brothers put an extra degree of limberness into their jaws and their elbows, and they fiddled and fiddled, and spouted and spouted until the gallused and copperased breeches fellows just howled with enthusi-asm and made the hills and valleys of old Tennessee echo and re-echo with the vocal and majed sounds. and musical sounds.

"When they got into the mountain counties of East Tennessee Alf felt that he had ties of East Tennessee Air left that he had the bulge on Bob there, for those counties are nearly all strongly republican, and he salled in to just lay Robert out on the cool-ing-board. In order to capture the moun-taineers, the more effectually he resorted to the native lingo, and the way he thus waded the native ingo, and the way he thus waded into the affections of his hillion auditors was just surprising. Nothing daunted, Robert followed suit, and essayed to one more than Aif had put up. To do that he announced in ail his East Tennessee speeches that "ef any of you durned galoots find a big bellied jug out that in the dockerned with a correct out that in the dog-kennel with a corn-cob stopper in it jist wade in and take yer ever-lasting fill of the true sperrit of Jacksonins democracy." This captured the crowd. The speakers stand became a silent waste within ive minutes, and everybody took to the dog-

"Now, Alf is known to be a very sly young man, while Bob is of a more Frank and open nature. Alf had kept his eye on brother Bob, and when he saw him breaking for the kennel and taller weeds and bushes he knew that some sort of a game to win the hearts of the mountaineers was afoot. So he slipped around on Robert's flank and was rewarded by first seeing him take a thundering big wig out of a corpulent jug and then tuck i swig out or a corporent jug and then tuck it slipped away among the reeds. He at once slipped away and hired a darkey who lived near to run home and bring him a bucket of buttermilk and an empty jug about as big as Bob's. He first emptied the contents of Bob's into his own jug and then filled Bob's plumb full of buttermilk.

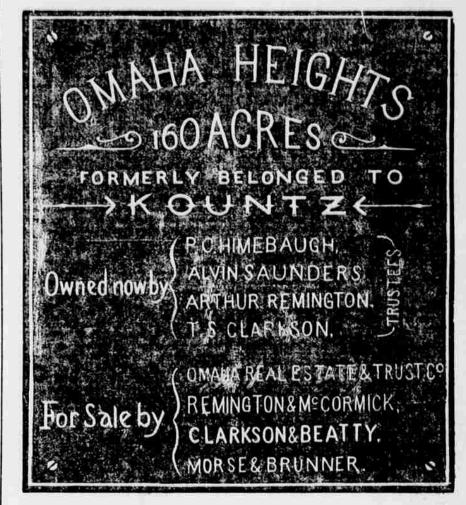
"After taking a hearty swig he, too, slipped away, carrying Bob't whisky with him.
"The first man who found Bob's jug after "The first man who found Boo's jug after his generous invitation was a big, six-foot, raw and gaunt mountaineer. He pulled out the cob with a whoop, turned the jug almost bottom up and let about a pint of the aciduous contents tumble down his throat. His look was one of calm peacefulness while elevating the jug, which was soon ous contents tuning down his throat. His look was one of calm peacefulness while elevating the jug, which was soon followed by an expression of intense surprise and huge disgust followed by an aspect of flaming and red-hot indignation. He dropped the jug as if it was red-hot, jumped about five feet into the air and yelled out: "Dod burn his onery hide; jest let me clap my tater-diggers onto him," and off ha started for the stand. The next one to sample Bob's whisky fainted outright, and soon the excitement spread all through the crowd. Soon Bob arose to make the closing speech, but was received with yells and execrations, in which "buttermilk," "the fraud," and "hooray for Alf Taylor, took the leading parts. Bob looked things unutterable at Alf, who met his gaze with a face mantled over with an expression of happy innocence. Then Bob tried to pacify his former friends, but it was no go. A few of the old iron-clad confederno go. A few of the old iron-clad confederates still stuck to him, but the other half voted straight out for Alf, and "don't care a dod-ding who knows it," as one of them expressed it. And now the democracy of east Tennessee are divided into two warring and irreconciliable factions known as "Butternilkers" "and anti-Butternilkers a contermilkers," "and anti-Buttermilkers, a con-dition of things that will surely give the state to the republicans in 1888.

dition of things that will surely give the state to the republicans in 1883."

Every business man and every newspaper in Washington is praying for an extra session. All sorts of reasons are advanced to show that the country will go to the dogs unless the president calls congress together to consider the deficiency bill and the bill providing for the rivers and harbors on which depends the work of tilling in the Potomac flats. The departure of congress so early in the season makes a vast difference to the business of the public at the capital and no one regrets the decision of the president not to call an extra session more than the hotel keepers and laundry men. I met one of the latter this morning who was bewalling the loss of business which the congressional hintus had entailed upon him. This man started here a few years ago with the proverbial shilling in his bocket, and to-day he owns pieces of valuable real estate, has a good fat bank account and is in every way in easy financial circumstances. The gorneous establishment might be called the cream of the soapsuds trade, and on him senators, members of congress, justices of the supreme court and officials generally, of high and law degree, depend for the gloss upon their linen which adds so much to their dignity and refinement. "My receipts." said this gentleman, "have fallen off \$300 this week from what they were a week ago, and until congress comes again 1 shall have to cut down the expenses in a marked degree."

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Then he wanted to tell me something about his customers. "Senator —, for instance, wears not less than twenty collars each week, while Judge Waxem, from Way Back, seldom soils more than two. I had charge of the Bernhardt party last week," said this man, "and as soon as it was known that the celebrated French actress had her wardrobe on exhibition at my establishment, there was the biggest crowd of lishment, there was the biggest crowd of dudes around that corner that you ever saw. Some of them would have a couple of collars dudes around that corner that you ever saw. Some of them would have a couple of collars and a pair of cuffs done up in a very small bundle and would leave them to be operated on. Some came without any excuse, and simply told me outright that they wanted to see the laces and rufles and frills for which the Madame Sarah was celebrated. The curiosity of each was gratified, and I tell you it was a sight to see that assortment displayed. They had been unable to have any washing done since they left the city of Mexico, and in consideration of the long railroad ride, there was an enormous amount of soiled clothing belonging to Madame Bernhardt and her suite dumped in upon me. Among other things, there were no less than three hundred pocket hand-kerchiefs which the madame herself had held in her ingers since the last time the officers of of the laundry had been called to aid her. These handkerchiefs were a show of themselves. They were all very dainty affairs, of which lace was "the component part of chief value," as they say in the treasury department, and I suppose the three hundred were worth not a cent less than \$3,000. It was the finest display that I ever saw in my life, and I have handled the washing of dukes and counts and earls and lords since I have been in the business in Washington."

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